In response to the Final Rejection dated March 11, 2005, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

New claims 6-11 highlight further patentable aspects of this invention. Claims 2-5 are hereby canceled.

Claim 1 stands rejected, under 35 USC §102(e), as being anticipated by Kobayakawa et al. (US 6,064,338). The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

Kobayakawa discloses that the path arrival direction of a user signal is estimated from correlation signals, and the signals received by each of the antennas in an array are multiplied by weights at arbitrary times (e.g., every several symbols) in such a manner that the antenna beam is pointed in a direction estimated from the generated information, thereby pursuing the user (Kobayakawa col. 6, lines 51-58). Kobayakawa provides no disclosure of a previous communication or its relationship to the application of reception weights to a newly opened communication.
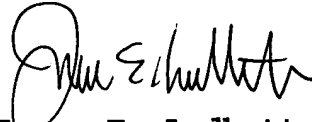
Accordingly, Applicant submits that Kobayakawa does not anticipate the feature recited in claim 1 of a multiplication means that performs multiplication processing, at a point of time when communication is opened, using reception weights calculated

during a previous communication. Therefore, allowance of claim 1 is warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that claim 1 and new claims 6-11 are directed to allowable subject matter, and that this application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

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